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1. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOURCE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE BABACAR BA WILL HEAD SENE- GALESE DELEGATION TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. MFA WILL BE REPRESENTED BY SALOUM KANDE, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS. REMAINDER OF DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED OF OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND POSSIBLY OTHER INVOLVED MINISTRIES, INTERESTED AMBASSADORS REPORTEDLY INCLUDING SEDINA OMAR SY (BRUSSELS) AND AMADOU MACTAR CISSE (UN EUROPEAN OFFICE - GENEVA) AND MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE COMPLETE LIST WHEN DELEGATION IS ANNOUNCED.

2. BA IS CHIEF SPOKESMAN FOR SENEGAL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY/ HE HAS GAINED INTERNATIONAL STATURE THROUGH HIS INFLUENTIAL PARTICIPATION IN DAKAR COMMODITIES CONFERENCE LAST FEBRUARY, HIS ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND AFRICAN DEVELOP- MENT FUND, AND HIS LEADERSHIP OF MINISTERS FROM ACP COUNTRIES

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WHO NEGOTIATED NEW EEC AGREEMENT.

3. SENEGALESE DELEGATION MAY BE EXPECTED TO VOICE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) CITING PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN DAKAR DECLARATION (DAKAR 0857 AND 1056) AND CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS MADE CLEAR THAT GOS REGARDS READJUSTMENT OF TERMS OF TRADE IN FAVOR OF LDSS AS MATTER OF JUSTICE AS WELL AS ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. SENEGALESE HAVE IN THE PAST DISMISSED AS INSUFFICIENT SUCH ELEMENTS OF US POLICY TOWARDS LDSS AS GENERALIZED PREFERENCES AND SPECIAL GATT ARRANGEMENTS, BUT CURRENT US WILLINGNESS TO SEE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DISCUSSIONS CONVENED ON WIDE RANGE OF RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS OF US FLEXIBILITY ON COMMODITY ISSUES HAVE ELICITED INITIALLY FAVORABLE RESPONSES FROM SENEGALESE OFFICIALS. BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH BA IN NEWYORK WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE POSITIVE US APPROACH REFLECTED IN SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH AND TO EXPLAIN PRACTICAL MEASURES US IS CONTEMPLATING. SUCH CONTACT HELP TO REINFORCE BASIC GOS INCLINATION TO PLAY MODERATING ROLE IN LDC COUNCILS ON MAJOR NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND POSSIBLY CONTRIBUTE TO CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AT SPECIAL SESSION.

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